

The A. F. of L. Weekly News Service offers a brief summary of important news affecting labor, occurring in the industrial, political, social and judicial fields, and such other information as may be deemed of interest to the trade union movement.

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It is the act of a bad man to deceive by falsehood.—Cicero.

ORGANIZED LABOR FACES NEW ISSUE

"The workers must abandon old standards and ideals. They must be awakened to changed conditions." These fifteen words summarize an aggressive viewpoint by delegates to the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor at New Orleans.

Production methods have wrought a social revolution. Old wage and work day standards are no longer justified.

To face these problems workers must be educated and as educated men, the scientist and chemist who declare that nothing is impossible in the field of production and distribution.

To use a figure of speech, these professional men "look at the stars." Labor should do likewise.

Our objective is a five-day week and a

reducing power that can take increased output off the market. We should equip ourselves to prove that national disaster is not inevitable, and that the machine's output can not be consumed.

No element in our country can escape this disaster. It will affect the banker and business men as well as those who work for wages.

Every trade unionist should get out of his intellectual rut and realize we are at the beginning of a new era that will shake the foundation of old industrial methods and outlook.

To maintain the evolutionary character of our trade union movement we must be awakened to these new processes and their social consequences.

Trade unions adjust themselves to change.

NATION'S NEW CHIEF SUBMITS WORK PLAN

New Orleans, Dec. 1.—"Extensive unemployment is a travesty upon the organizing genius of American business men," declared Governor Ralph O. Brewster of Maine at the conference of governors, held in this city.

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FIVE-DAY WEEK JUSTIFIED; MACHINE CAN SUPPLY WANTS

New Orleans, Dec. 1.—"The machine has justified labor's demand for a five-day week," declared the A. F. of L. convention.

The delegates unanimously endorsed the committee's summary of present-day production methods and the need for a lessening of working time.

"The five-day week is not only socially and economically sound but it is a necessity for the welfare of commerce as well as a condition to which the workers are entitled," the committee declared.

"The question of hours can not be discussed as in the early days of our movement. Industrial and social conditions have undergone a great change. The revolution which has taken place in methods of production, the use of more automatic and semi-automatic machinery, the application of the sciences and work done by the chemical, hydraulic, electric and mechanical engineers, has led to the enormous increase in our industrial establishments. This problem must become more intensive, for it is evident that present-day methods of production are not the final word. They are more the promise of the changes which are to take place which will enable men to produce in much greater quantities than they have during the immediate past."

Labor Is Clear on Injunction Evil; Refuse to Trust One-Man Rule

New Orleans, Dec. 1.—Organized labor will not accept the principle of the labor injunction and expect equity judges to be gentle in their usurpation.

The A. F. of L. convention unanimously declared that the law-making branch of government should define the jurisdiction of equity courts, and that the government, by its courts, should depend upon the mood and good will of the injunction judge in cases that come under statutory law.

The convention unanimously approved its committee's declaration that the remedy to define the equity jurisdiction and to repeal or amend the anti-trust and anti-combination laws.

SELF-HELP IS BEST HELP

"The farmer's salvation is within himself," declared Charles S. Barrett, president Farmers' Educational and Cooperative Union, at the Denver convention of that organization.

"There is no escape from the stern fact that nobody but the farmer can solve the farm problem," said Mr. Barrett, who urged the farmers to unite.

Self-help through collective action is the American Federation of Labor's philosophy.

The theory is a challenge to the age-long allurement that there are royal roads to freedom through legislation and dependence on others.

ALBANY PRINTERS OUT

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 1.—Broken pledges by newspaper managers resulted in the Albany printers' strike.

The printers asked for improved conditions and a 40-hour week. Their old contract provided for a 48-hour week. They were working 45 hours under a "gentlemen's agreement." The workers and their union demanded the letter of the law if they were to be paid for the extra work that 45 hours were written in the contract. This means more money for the printers and less for the newspaper owners.

MACHINE EFFECTS CONVICTS

The labor-displacing machine has even affected convicts in state penitentiaries who are being displaced as road makers.

This statement was made by Governor Hammond of Iowa, speaking at the conference of state governors, at New Orleans.

The middle-west executive was discussing placing convicts at work. He said that if they were turned into road makers, they would be paid for their work. He said that the machine was displacing them. He said that the machine was displacing them. He said that the machine was displacing them.

FOUR-HOUR WORK DAY WOULD SUPPLY NATION

New Orleans, Dec. 1.—While organized labor is urging the nation to abandon the eight-hour day, a committee of the American Federation of Labor has declared that a four-hour day would supply the nation's needs.

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Nation's Public School System Is Workers' Greatest Triumph

New Orleans, Dec. 1.—Organized labor can withstand the severest judgment at the bar of history, at the bar of economics and at the bar of ethics," said former Senator Thomas F. Gore of Oklahoma in an address to the A. F. of L. convention.

The blind Senator eloquently portrayed social reforms in the country that are due to labor, and he placed the free school system in the front rank.

Company "Union" in Silk Mill Scored by Clergy and Workers

New Orleans, Dec. 1.—The company "union" of the Real Silk Mills of the Yonkers, N. Y., was scored by the clergy and workers at the convention of the A. F. of L.

The "union" is called Employees' Mutual Benefit Association, and the management claims to serve every purpose of workers.

The Yonkers Textile Workers, affiliated to the United Textile Workers, called for all organizing efforts in the mills pending an investigation of the company's management.

Green Calls on Anti-Unionist To Investigate Labor's Aims

New Orleans, Dec. 1.—"I wish to be acquainted with your movement," said President Green of the British Trade Union Congress by a letter to the American Federation of Labor.

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MIDDLE-AGED WORKERS INDUSTRY COUSTED

New Orleans, Dec. 1.—The A. F. of L. convention has declared that the practice of employers ousting middle-aged workers from their jobs is unjustified.

The question was brought before the convention by a resolution passed at the annual meeting of the A. F. of L. convention.

The resolution stated that an age limit of 45 years is being applied in the manufacturing industry.

NEW OUTPUT METHODS MET BY CIGARMAKERS

New Orleans, Dec. 1.—The Cigarmakers' International Union has changed its organization system to meet new production methods.

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Automatic Machine Is Menace; Effect on Workers Widespread

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Catholic Priest Scores Injunction; Writ Challenges Human Rights

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TEXTILE WORKERS GAIN DESPITE HARD CONTEST

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BOOKBINDERS EJECT OFFICERS

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BRITISH UNIONISTS FACE GRAVE PROBLEMS

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Green Wishes British Workers Success in Coming Election

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